

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

Welcome back after half term. The lighter mornings and afternoons have made a difference, even if the temperature has not quite caught up yet. There is a sense of spring around the place and the children have returned settled, positive and ready to get going again.

Brilliant Basics!

This week we have introduced our Brilliant Basics across school. These are the small, consistent habits that make classrooms calm and purposeful, and make sure everyone is ready to learn. Every child now has their own pencil case with the equipment they need for learning, which they will keep in school. There is no need to bring pencil cases or stationery from home. This keeps things simple, fair and focused, and means we spend less time hunting for a ruler and more time using one.



Parent Governor Election

We have a parent governor election underway. Nomination forms have been emailed to all families. If you would like to nominate yourself, please return the completed form to the school office no later than 12 noon on Thursday 5th March. Being a parent governor offers a direct role in the strategic direction of the school and the decisions that shape it.

About Being a Parent Governor

'Being a parent governor is a great way to contribute to the school community and help shape its direction. Governors work as a team to support the school, ask questions, and make sure every child gets the best possible education. You don't need any special experience — just an interest in the school and a willingness to get involved. Training and support are provided, and the commitment is manageable alongside family life. You don't need to be an expert, just a parent who wants to help make our school the best it can be for all our children.'

Mrs Church - Parent Governor



Online Safety – Roblox

We have received reports this week of pupils being exposed to serious language and adult themes through chat features linked to Roblox. While Roblox is popular and can be enjoyable, it includes live chat and user-generated content, which means children can come across inappropriate material.

Please check your child's privacy settings. Restrict or disable chat, set communication to friends only, review friend lists, and ensure the correct age is applied to the account. Keep devices in shared spaces and talk regularly about what your child is seeing online.

If something concerns you, use the block and report features within the platform.



March Events

Wednesday 4th March - Holi

This week we will be marking Holi with a special assembly in school throughout the week. Children will learn about the meaning of the festival, including themes of renewal, colour and community.

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. Children are invited to dress as a favourite book character or wear comfortable clothes suitable for reading. We know some children don't like to dress up so bringing a favourite book to share with their class is equally welcome. The focus of the day will be reading for pleasure and building a strong reading culture across school.

Friday 13th March - Easter Fair Collection Day

Children are invited to attend in non-uniform in exchange for bringing an item for our Easter Fair. Details of requested items for each year group will be shared separately by the PTA. Thank you in advance for your support as we prepare for this community event.

Friday 20th March - Eid-ul-Fitr

Friday 20th March falls on Eid ul-Fitr. All children are warmly invited to wear either traditional Eid clothing, party clothes or suitable non-uniform if they wish. The school day will run as normal. This is an opportunity to recognise and respect an important day in the Islamic calendar. As always, clothing should remain appropriate for school.

Monday 23rd March - Lots of Socks Day


World Down Syndrome Day is marked nationally on 21st March. As this falls on a weekend, we will celebrate in school on Monday 23rd March. Children are invited to wear **brightly coloured or mismatched socks** with their usual uniform to raise awareness and show support. Further information will follow. Badges will be available to buy for £1.

Wednesday 25th March - Easter Fair

Our Easter Fair will take place on Wednesday 25th March. Further details about timings and activities will be shared shortly. We look forward to welcoming families into school and thank the PTA for their continued work in organising this event.

Wenesday 25th March - Special Mentions Assembly

Our Special Mentions Assembly will also take place on 25th March and is by invitation only.





Happy Holi

We would like to wish a happy and peaceful Holi to all of our families who are celebrating on the 4th March.

Holi marks the arrival of spring and is often described as the festival of colours. It celebrates renewal, hope and the triumph of good over evil. Across the world, communities gather to share food, laughter and vibrant colours as a symbol of joy and new beginnings.

In school this week, children will learn about the significance of Holi through a special assembly, helping them to understand the traditions and values behind the celebration. We hope all those celebrating have a safe and meaningful festival with family and friends Holi Hai!

Reading Breakfast Dates - EYFS and Year 3

Our Reading Breakfasts continue to be a great success! The sessions so far have been really well attended, and it has been wonderful to see children enjoying sharing books with their parents and carers in such a relaxed and positive way. A big thank you to our Year 6 prefects, who have done an excellent job supporting the events.


We would love for a family member to join us at one of our upcoming sessions. Reading together makes a huge difference, and these mornings are a lovely opportunity to enjoy this time in school. Light refreshments will be provided.

All sessions take place at 9:00am in the school hall:

Year 3 - 10th March

EYFS - 24th March

We hope to see you there!



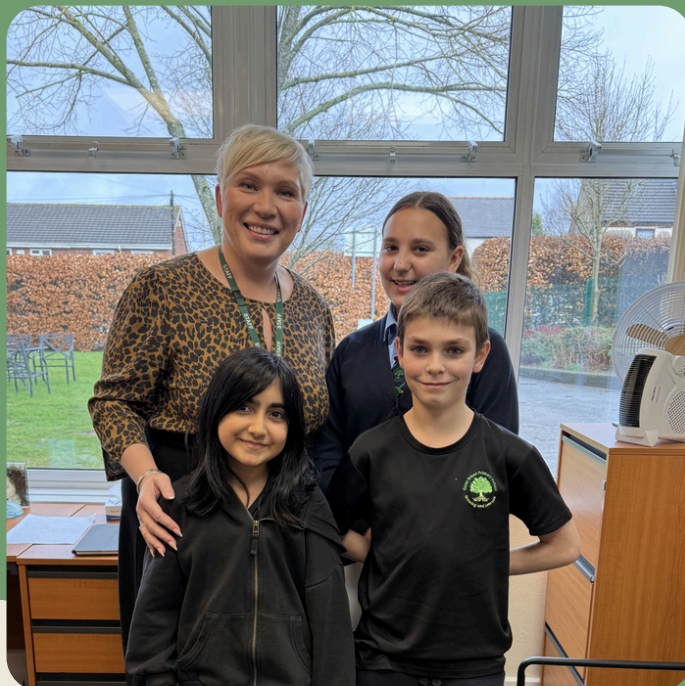
Update from the School Council by Mr South

Recently, the School Council had the exciting opportunity to interview Miss Wilson. During the interview, pupils were able to ask questions about how our school has improved and the changes that have been made over the past 12 months.

Miss Wilson discussed the positive impact of our I Am a Clever Writer approach, sharing how it has helped pupils to feel more confident and proud of their writing across the school. They also asked about our new behaviour policy and how it is supporting pupils to make positive choices, helping to create a calm, safe and respectful learning environment for everyone.

Pupils explored the development of student leadership roles, including Subject Ambassadors, and how these roles give children the opportunity to take responsibility and represent their areas of learning. They also reflected on our growing focus on reading for pleasure and the excitement surrounding our new library, which has already become a welcoming space that encourages a love of reading across the school.

Children spoke to Miss Wilson to gain a clearer understanding of how we keep pupils safe and how leaders ensure that everyone feels supported. The School Council did a fantastic job representing the student body. We are very proud of the way they represented their peers.



School Council Thank You Message- Amelia's Birthday



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The School Council would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part in our card collection for Amelia's Birthday.

We are incredibly proud to share that, thanks to your kindness and generosity, we have collected over 200 birthday cards! Your thoughtful messages and beautiful designs will help make Amelia's birthday extra special.

All of the cards will be sent to her school later this week.

Reminder About Bags/Rucksacks



We recognise that some children need to bring additional belongings or equipment into school, and of course this remains fine where necessary. However, unless there is a clear reason, please avoid sending children with large bags or rucksacks. Storage space in classrooms and cloakrooms is limited, and keeping items to a minimum helps us maintain safe, orderly learning spaces.

Packed lunchboxes are placed directly onto the lunch trolley each morning. Children only need a water bottle and their reading book in a standard book bag. As school provides pencil cases and all essential equipment, stationery does not need to be brought in from home.

Birthdays in School

















A gentle reminder that we are unable to accept sweets, cakes or other food to share with other children for birthdays, as we need to manage allergens carefully and several pupils have severe allergies.

If you would like to mark your child's birthday in school, you might consider donating a book to the class or library instead. We can place a "donated by" sticker inside, and our [Amazon wish list includes](#) suggested titles.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Miss Wilson



Attendance 23.02.26 - 27.02.26

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|  Apple - 98.52% |  Cedar - 97.41% |  Hawthorn - 97.85% |  Pine - 98.47% |
|  Apricot - 95.93% |  Cherry - 92.22% |  Hazel - 94.44% |  Poplar - 92.96% |
|  Beech - 99.26% |  Elder - 97.41% |  Larch - 89.26% |   |
|  Birch - 98.89% |  Elm - 96.67% |  Lime - 95.93% | |

House Points



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Mentions Week 1

Apple - Oliver
Apricot - Jonathon
Beech - Joe
Birch - Knight
Cedar - David
Cherry - Ronnie
Elder - Amy
Elm - Jack
Hawthorn - Lincoln
Hazel - Rohan
Larch - Evie
Lime - Felix
Pine - Ivy
Poplar - Olivia